

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:
Virginia—Fair Tuesday, colder at night; Wednesday, fair, fresh southwest to north winds.
North Carolina—Fair Tuesday, colder at night in west portion; Wednesday, fair, cold in east portion; Thursday, fair, fresh southwest winds, becoming variable.
There was a rise in the temperature during the latter portion of yesterday, the thermometer getting considerably above the freezing point. The mercury overcast during the greater portion of the day.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.
A. M. 34
P. M. 38
Night 32
Average 34.5

Highest temperature yesterday, 42
Lowest temperature yesterday, 27
Mean temperature yesterday, 34
Normal temperature for December, 40
Departure from normal temperature, -6
Precipitation during past 24 hours, .00

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
December 22, 1903.
Sun rises, 7:23
Sun sets, 4:53
Moon sets, 8:34
High tide, 7:09
Low tide, 1:11

DREADED "TWO NINES" IS SOUNDED

The Battalion Fire Chief Loses Life Under Walls.

DISASTROUS BLAZE IN NEW YORK

Two Giant Furniture and Varnish Factory Buildings Are Entirely Burned.

PANIC AMONG THE NEAR-BY RESIDENTS

Italian Inmates of Tenements Are Rescued Only by Great Efforts of the Firemen and the Police—One Fireman Missing—May Have Perished.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The famous "two nines," fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm provided for by New York's Fire Department, was sounded to-night for a terrific fire, which destroyed the six story factory building of the Herrmann Furniture and Plumbing Cabinet Works in Mott Street, and the four story varnish factory of the firm run under the name of the H. Herrmann Lumber Company.

A quarter of a million dollars damage was done. Battalion Chief Martin Coleman is believed to have perished in the fall of the two great walls of the factory. There was a panic among the Italian inmates of the street, and the terrors of the fire and the fear of the burning buildings, and the firemen and police rescued from three precincts had the utmost difficulty in getting the people out of the street.

"TWO NINES."
The fire started on the third floor, and when the firemen arrived the fire, second and third floors, was in a blaze. The fire, fourth and fifth floors were sent in rapid succession, and about an hour after the fire started the "two nines" alarm was sounded.

Battalion Chief Coleman had entered the building with a number of men, including Lieutenant Jones and Captain Smith, the fire department chaplain. They were about twenty-five feet inside when fire came through the walls, and the building shook. The firemen saw the danger and dashed for the stairs. The chaplain escaped, but a beam fell and hit Coleman and Jones, pinning them to the floor.

Father Smith and three firemen turned back to the rescue and dragged out Jones, who had managed to stagger to his feet. Jones in pulling himself out, felt for Coleman. He found him so pinned he could not rescue him, but got his helmet, which he put on and escaped. Within a minute the entire rear and side walls fell.

After the building had been totally destroyed the body of the chief, Coleman, was found wedged under fallen debris in such a position that the firemen were unable to reach it. Coleman was made a posthumous fireman. He was the youngest fireman in the department, eight years ago rescuing two women from the burning house fire in East Tenth Street. Richard Joyce, a fireman, who was appointed only ten days ago, was reported missing after the fire was out. He was last seen in the building just before the walls fell.

General

Stock market almost immovable the holiday dullness being accentuated by anxiety over the Far Eastern situation. Light persons killed among thirty-two injured in wreck of freight train. Passenger train—Chicago chief of police takes strenuous steps to stop strikers from interfering with the movement of goods. A man was killed and a woman injured on an island belonging to new republic of Panama. European nations warn coal miners to look for no assistance from them in case of war with United States. Japan's reply to Russia is not an ultimatum, but asks for modification of her answer in essential points. Heavy liquidation in cotton market and close is expected. New York market lower. Half department called out by a fire in New York—Virginia, where the movement to Washington will be continued. Commission to inquire into high rates charged him on carload of coal from his mines in Southwest Virginia—Mayor D. C. Russell announces some of his appointments.

CHARGES AGAINST BENITO LEGARDO

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Charges having been filed with the President affecting the moral character of Benito Legardo, the Secretary of War to-day transmitted by mail to the civil Governor of the Philippine Islands a copy of them for his information. These charges were contained in a cablegram to the President from persons in Manila. In commenting upon the case to-day, Secretary Root expressed the belief that the cablegram was sent in order that it might be given to the press and thereby work irreparable injury to the commissioner. He said it was revolting to him that men's reputations should thus be publicly assailed before they had a chance to speak. Legardo is one of the most prominent men in the Philippines. He is one of three natives appointed by Governor Taft on the Philippine Commission. He is said to be a man of great influence among his people.

Investigating Committee

The investigating committee met last night, but did little more than adjourn to meet again on Tuesday next. The committee on Electricity and the Poor held brief meetings, but disposed of only routine matters. There will be several meetings held this afternoon.

SIX PERSONS HURT IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

(By Associated Press.)
BIRMINGHAM, ALA., December 21.—The southbound Limited Express on the Alabama Great Southern Division of the Queen and Crescent, running three hours late on account of heavy travel, collided head on with a freight train forty miles southwest of Birmingham to-day.

It is said the freight was doubling over a hill, and the freight train had not been seen far enough. However, the engineers saw each other in time to reduce the speed of their trains. The railroad officials here say only six persons were hurt. Engineer Pat Larkin, Express Manager Edwards and four passengers, but not seriously.

MAJOR MCLELLAN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Mayor-Elect Geo. B. McClellan to-night announced as his choice for four of the offices under his administration, the names of Patrick Keenan, as city chamberlain; Francis J. Lantry, commissioner of correction; Nicholas J. Linnay, fire commissioner, and T. C. Crain, tenement house commissioner. No announcement in regard to the police commissioner was made.

John D. Delaney, it has already been announced will be corporation counsel under the new administration.

HEREAFTER HE WILL BUY

Owner of Coal Mines Finds to Burn His Own Costs Too Much Money.

DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION

Corporation Commission Will be Asked to Seek Cause of High Rate.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—A gentleman from Southwest Virginia, who has come to Washington with his family to spend the winter, has about reached the conclusion that, being the owner of several fine coal mines, is an expensive luxury—that is, if he burns his own coal in his house here.

Last week he had a carload of coal shipped from his mines in Southwest Virginia to this city. The coal came over the main line of the Norfolk and Western to Roanoke, thence over the Shenandoah Valley division of that road to Shenandoah Junction, and thence over the Baltimore and Ohio to this city.

The cost of transporting that carload of coal to Washington was \$8. In addition to this, there was a charge of eighty cents a ton on the coal by the man who hauled it from the railway depot to the coal cellar. The car contained twenty-six tons. The transportation cost about \$3.50 a ton, by the carload.

WILL INVESTIGATE.

The Virginia Corporation Commission is going to be asked to investigate this charge. If it is unable to afford any relief, the matter will be taken to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The gentleman who had the coal brought here said to-day that he had made inquiries of dealers and had learned that coal from the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania had been brought here considerably cheaper than the coal from the Virginia fields. He is going to make a fight to have the rates reduced, not for the purpose of securing relief, but in his own particular case, but with a view to removing an embargo which is laid on Virginia coal. It is readily seen that it is impossible to get the coal from the mines of Southwest Virginia into this market if such enormous transportation rates are to be charged.

The gentleman referred to thinks the heavy charge was made on the Baltimore and Ohio, and not on the Norfolk and Western.

Mr. William A. Glasgow, of Roanoke, who was for many years the counsel of the Norfolk and Western, but who is now counsel for Custer, Curran & Bullitt, who are the forward agents for the coal mined in the Pocahontas and West Virginia fields, has been asked to conduct several cases for the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Norfolk and Western, and probably other roads, in which the charge is made that unfair rates have been charged. Mr. Glasgow was here for a day or two last week and argued several cases before the commission.

FULL SPEED THROUGH AN OPEN SWITCH

Nine Persons Killed and Thirty-Two Hurt.

FOUR MORE WILL PROBABLY DIE

Disastrous Wreck of Fast Passenger Train at Godfrey, Kansas.

WHOLE TRAIN ROLLS DOWN EMBANKMENT

Smoker and Two Chair Cars Piled Up in Mass of Wreckage in Cornfield, Sixty Feet From the Track—Most of the Injured Were Burned.

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KANSAS CITY, MO., December 21.—In a wreck to-day at Godfrey Kan., of the "Meteor," a St. Louis and San Francisco fast train south, nine persons were killed and thirty-two were injured. Of the injured four probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt. The dead: JAMES KIRKPATRICK, GEORGE HOYT, conductor, B. A. DEWEES, engineer, THEO. BISHARD, fireman, JAMES H. WYMAN, ASA A. MOORELAND, LORIN CORBIN, JOSEPH CORBIN, JOHN BLUEBACKER. Probably fatally injured: Sheridan Knable, E. B. Garowick, John Bell, messenger, H. B. Darlington, mail clerk.

All the dead lived in Kansas and Oklahoma and the injured are residents of the West.

J. A. Bartley, a freight brakeman, whose failure to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has escaped, and none of the passengers in this car were injured.

At Full Speed.

The wrecked train was one of the finest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage cars and one mail car, a smoker, two chair cars and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor left the switch open, and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a slight embankment. All of the cars except the sleeper turned over, and so fast was the train running that the engine and the forward baggage car landed nearly sixty feet off the roadbed before it stopped. The sleeper, which escaped right and none of the passengers in this car were injured.

The baggage cars were completely wrecked and the smoker was badly damaged. The engine, which was a 4-6-0, was forward end of the smoker, and four of them were killed instantly.

Engineer B. A. Dewees, of Fort Scott; Conductor Hoyt, of Topeka, and Fireman Bishard, of Fort Scott, were all instantly killed, and Express Messenger John Bell of Kansas City, was seriously injured. Others of the crew and almost every passenger on the train, except those in the sleeper, who escaped with a severe shaking up, were injured, some of them seriously.

Sixteen persons, including Henry M. McDonnell, of Lodi, Ohio, were seriously hurt, and fifteen others were slightly injured.

Most of the injured were badly burned, as well as being maimed.

Responsibility for Wreck.

The responsibility for the wreck is laid at the door of a brakeman of the freight train, who failed to flag the passenger train. He has disappeared.

"The engine on the freight had become 'dead,' and the crew was ordered to remain on the main track and to turn the switch for the passenger train, then about due. The brakeman was ordered to flag the Meteor. This he neglected to do. In the crash the baggage car telescoped the engine and landed in a corn field. The engine and the two chair cars were piled in a mass on top of the engine. Most of the injured were in the chair cars, which took fire soon after the wreck occurred.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION TO THE AMERICANS

(By Associated Press.)
ADIS ABABA, ABYSSINIA, Friday, December 18.—(By Courier to Jibuti, French Somaliland, December 21)—Escorted by several thousand Ethiopian soldiers, the American mission to Emperor Menelik, headed by Consul-General Skinner, entered the Abyssinian capital to-day.

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MATURAL GAS IN VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN

An Explosion in Coal Mines Injures Four Men.

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CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., Dec. 21.—An explosion occurred at the Virginia Anthracite Coal Company's mines, Price Mountain, this morning, caused by the ignition of the damp by the miners' lamps, in which four persons were badly burned, but will likely recover.

It is the opinion of experts that there is an inexhaustible amount of natural gas and vast amount of the best coal underlying the Brush and Price Mountain coal fields in this county, and the explosion this morning seems to confirm that belief.

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